

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Polygon 14 is arranged on and non-integrally affixed to a rotating disc 16 which is rotated by a drive motor 15. This motor causes polygon 14 to rotate at a determined rotation speed, wherein the rotation speed lies in the range of 10 to 10,000 revolutions per minute, such as for instance 3,000 revolutions per minute. The laser light reflected from a random mirror surface of polygon 14 is directed towards one of the mirrors 19-22, depending on the positioning of the polygon. Mirrors 19, 20 and 21 are flat mirrors disposed in stationary operative positions wherein each of the mirrors 19, 20 and 21 and is aligned side by side along a single substantially circumferential direction or arranged fixedly in the housing of the scanner. In the position of figure 3, mirror 22 is likewise directed with a flat side toward the polygon and will therefore function similarly to any of the mirrors 19, 20 or 21. After reflection against a mirror (19-22) the light beam exits from the transparent window 5 of the scanner in the direction of a possible article for scanning. --